



**V E N T U R I N G • B S A**

## **VENTURING ADVISOR AWARD OF MERIT**

### **Background**

One of the unique attributes of the Venturing program is the relationship between Venturers and the crew Advisor. The ability to work effectively with young adults as they themselves plan and run the program is a true test of leadership skills.

With the new Venturing program introduction on August 1, 1998, inclusion of the Venturing Advisor Award of Merit was a key program enhancement to recognize crew Advisors for tenure, training, and quality crew program.

### **Requirements**

1. Be a currently registered Venturing Advisor who has served in that position for at least 18 months.
2. Complete Venturing Fast Start and Venturing Leader Specific Training.
3. Achieve the Quality Unit Award at least once while serving as crew Advisor.
4. Demonstrate the use of the Venturing Silver Award program.
5. Develop youth leadership by effective use of crew officers.
6. Use the crew officer orientation and program planning process.
7. Have a proven positive relationship with the chartered organization and associated Boy Scout troop and Cub Scout pack, if any.
8. Project a positive image of Venturing in the community.
9. Attract and hold Venturers with crew program and operation.
10. Lead crew in completion of the Venturing Leadership Skills Course.

### **Nomination Procedure**

The crew president in conjunction with the crew officers nominates the Advisor. The nomination is approved by the crew committee chairman.

The nomination is then certified by the unit commissioner and submitted to the council service center.

The nomination is then approved by the Scout executive and council commissioner.

### **Award**

A color certificate with the recipient's name and signed by the Scout executive and council commissioner will be presented to the recipient.

A certificate, No. 33661, a cloth square knot, No. 05001, and a miniature Venturing device, No. 00940, are available from the local council service center.

### **Presentation**

It is recommended that the award be presented in a timely manner at an appropriate district or council function. It is also recommended that the recipient be recognized appropriately in the council newsletter and in local newspapers.



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## **VENTURING ADVISOR AWARD OF MERIT**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Crew No. \_\_\_\_\_ Chartered organization \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's name as it is to appear on certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of service as crew Advisor: Beginning \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Date

Date crew received Quality Unit Award \_\_\_\_\_

Date nominee completed Venturing Fast Start \_\_\_\_\_

Date nominee completed Venturing Leader Specific Training \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a statement written by the crew president on behalf of the crew officers on why they think their Advisor deserves this recognition. The statement should be signed by the officers.

Committee chairman approval \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner certification \_\_\_\_\_

Scout executive approval \_\_\_\_\_

Council commissioner approval \_\_\_\_\_

***The crew should submit this form and officer  
statement to the council service center.***



# Venturing Leadership Award for Youth and Adults

*The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils, areas/regions, and the BSA National Council to Venturers and adults who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code and Oath.*

## **Recognition:**

- ◆ Council—Medallion suspended from blue and white ribbon and worn around the neck, No. 04220. Certificate No. 33662. (For unit-, district-, and council-level recognition.)
- ◆ Regional—Medallion suspended from green and white ribbon and worn around the neck, No. 04221. Certificate No. 33662. (For area- and region-level recognition.)
- ◆ National—Medallion suspended from red and white ribbon and worn around the neck, No. 04222. Certificate No. 33662. (For national-level recognition.)

## **Qualifications:**

- ◆ Be registered and involved in Venturing as a Venturer or an adult for at least one year.
- ◆ Hold a leadership position or office on the unit, district, council, area, regional, or national level (as appropriate for the level of award presented).
- ◆ Show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Venturing and to Venturers on the level appropriate for the award.

**Quota restrictions:** Councils may present two awards for youth and two for adults per year for up to 50 crews/ships and one additional youth and adult award per year for each fraction of 25 crews/ships above 50. Example: For 51 registered crews/ships, a total of three youth and three adult awards may be presented; for 78 crews/ships, four youth and adult awards could be presented. Regions may present 12 youth and 12 adult awards per year. National may present six youth and six adult awards per year.



# Recommendation for the Venturing Leadership Award

(Please check level of award.)

Council

Regional

National

## Candidate Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone no. \_\_\_\_\_ Crew/Ship no. \_\_\_\_\_

Chartered organization \_\_\_\_\_

Business or profession (title, name of company/organization, or if a student, provide school name and grade level) \_\_\_\_\_

Venturing position currently serving in \_\_\_\_\_

Venturing position(s) recommendation is based on \_\_\_\_\_

Tenure in Venturing (in years) \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_

List leadership positions held related to this level award \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List other involvement in Venturing \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

List involvement with other organizations, such as church, clubs, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

List awards and recognitions received in Venturing, Scouting, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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◆ Please supply an additional sheet with 200 words or less explaining why this candidate should receive the Venturing Leadership Award.

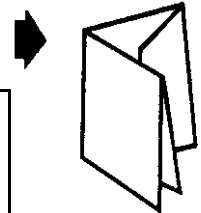
◆ Please enclose letters of recommendation from school, church, clubs, etc.

◆ Any additional pertinent information is welcome.

**Council Leadership Award recommendations should be sent to the local council office. Regional Leadership Award recommendations should be sent to the regional office. National Leadership Award recommendations should be sent to the Venturing Division, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079.**



# VENTURING LEADER PROGRESS RECORD

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(Reproduce locally.)



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position in Venturing \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crew No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Venturing Advisor's Key  
 Venturing Training Award

**VENTURING LEADER PROGRESS RECORD**

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAINING COMMITTEE ACTION**

The leadership training committee has reviewed this application and accepts the certification as to the candidate's meeting the required standards. The award is approved.

Crew Committee Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Help organize or reorganize a Venturing crew.  
 Participate in two crew parents' nights.  
 Help support a crew money-earning project.  
 Participate in a crew open house.  
 Participate in a crew officers' seminar.

**VENTURING LEADER TRAINING AWARD**

Complete the *Adult Venturing Leader Basic Training*, No. 33491C.

**Tenure**  
Complete a total of two years as a registered adult Venturing leader.

**Performance**  
Do any seven of the following

- Participate in a support role for five crew weekend activities.
- Serve on the staff of a district, council, area, region, or national Venturing training event.
- Help with two Friends of Scouting enrollments.
- Assist with a Venturing Leadership Skills Course.
- Serve as a Bronze, Gold, Silver, or Ranger consultant.
- Participate in six Venturing roundtables or Venturing officers' association (VOA) meetings.

Date and Initial \_\_\_\_\_

**VENTURING ADVISOR'S KEY**

**Training**  
Date and initial \_\_\_\_\_

- Complete Venturing Fast Start.
- Complete Venturing Leader Basic Training.
- Conduct crew officers' seminars in each of your three years as Advisor.
- Conduct at least one Venturing Leadership Skills Course for your crew.
- Earn the Venturing Leader Training Award.

**Tenure**  
Complete three years of registered tenure as a Venturing crew Advisor within a five-year period.

**Performance**

- Earn the Venturing Crew National Quality Unit Award two times.
- Have a crew parents' night each year.

**Roundtable/VOA**—Attend at least four roundtable or VOA meetings each year.

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
Month	Initial	Month	Initial	Month	Initial


**Approved by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Committee Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAINING COMMITTEE ACTION**

The leadership training committee has reviewed this application and accepts the certification as to the candidate's meeting the required standards. The Advisor's Key is approved.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_



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